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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Shah *et al.*

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Composition**

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants submit the following
Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise
be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of
time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time
are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby
authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.